

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The equipment of claim 1, wherein said transceiver is configured to communicate data via satellite link from essentially any location in the world.~~
Manually portable equipment for wireless transmission and reception of data for verification of credit and/or checking information, said equipment comprising:

- a) a wireless transceiver configured to communicate data via satellite link from essentially any location in the world;
- b) a data terminal including at least one of credit and check data entry means;
- c) a rechargeable DC battery external to both said transceiver and said data terminal;
- d) wiring connecting said battery to both said transceiver and said terminal, said battery providing the sole source of operating power to said transceiver and said data terminal.

3. (currently amended) The equipment of claim 2 wherein said terminal ~~communication~~ communicates credit card data to said transceiver and receives responding credit card data from said transceiver.

4. (original) The equipment of claim 2 including a check reader and associated check reader adapter for generating signals commensurate with indicia printed or encoded on a check and for applying said signal to said transceiver for transmission thereon as at least part of said data.

5. (currently amended) The equipment of claim 2, [[and]] further including a simulated telephone line connecting said terminal to said transceiver.

6. (currently amended) The equipment of claim 2, [[and]] further including a cordless telephone connected to said terminal.